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1. AT ECOWAS SUMMIT MEETING APRIL 23-23, NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE,
LT-GENERAL OBASANJO, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED TOGOLESE
PRESIDENT GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END
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OF TWO-DAY SUMMIT ANNOUNCED THAT HEADS OF STATE:

A) AGREED TO WORK OUT A MULTI-LATERAL AGREEMENT ON FREE MOVEMENT
OF PERSONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS
TO PROPOSE A TEXT OF AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AND
SIGNED AT NEXT SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 28, 1979 AT
DAKAR, SENEGAL;

B) ADOPTED GENERAL CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY AND ITS STAFF;
C) ADOPTED A PROTOCOL ON NON-AGRESSION;
D) ADOPTED A DECLARATION ON THE PROCEDURE FOR DISSEMINATING DECISIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;
E) EXEMPTED THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE FROM CONTRIBUTING TO THE BUDGETS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AND AGREED THAT THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY THE REPUBLIC WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE OTHER MEMBER STATES ON A PRO-RATA BASIS;
F) ADOPTED MAY 29, 1979 AS THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CUSTOMS TARIFF CONSOLIDATION IN FULFILLMENT OF ARTICLE 13(2) OF THE ECOWAS TREATY;
G) FORMALLY REQUESTED SIERRA LEONE TO NOMINATE THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR;
B) SET MAY 28 EACH YEAR AS THE DATE FOR ANNUAL ECOWAS SUMMIT MEETINGS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY;
I) CONGRATULATED PRESIDENTS TOLBERT OF LIBERIA, JAWARA OF THE GAMBIA, AND EYADEMA OF TOGO FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SETTLING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ON THE ONE HAND AND IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL ON THE OTHER, AND PRAISED THE MATURITY OF THE CONFLICTING COUNTRIES IN RESOLVING THEIR DISPUTES.

2. TWELVE HEADS OF STATE ATTENDED SUMMIT. OAU SECRETARY
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GENERAL ETEKI MBOUMOUA ATTENDED AS AN OBSERVER. EMBASSY FOLLOWING UP WITH ECOWAS OFFICIALS.
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